

APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES PATENT

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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REDUCING CAPACITIVE COUPLING BETWEEN LINES IN AN INTEGRATED CIRCUIT

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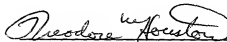
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